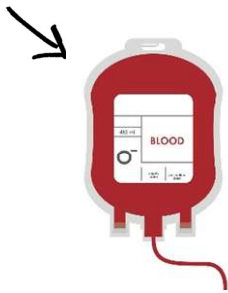


We heard you recently had a bad injury.



You lost a lot of blood and the doctors had to give you more to make you better.



Now that you're well again, we would like to talk to you about how you got better.

How did you get better?

The doctors who were looking after you when you got hurt decided it would be a good idea for you to take part in a **research study**.

A research study is when doctors and scientists do special investigations to work out the best way to help people get better.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is up to you if you want to take part. And you can change your mind at any time.

What do the doctors want to find out?

Sometimes, when people are badly hurt, doctors give them blood before they get to hospital. This might happen in an ambulance or a rescue helicopter.

The blood the doctors give is blood that has donated to help people who are badly hurt or really sick.

In this study, the doctors are working out the best way to give the blood to people who are hurt.

There are 3 main parts in the blood:

- 1 Red blood cells
- 2 Plasma
- 3 Platelets

The doctors want to know if it's better to give the hurt people all three parts of the blood together, **OR** if it's better to give the parts separately.

Doctors don't know the answer to this question yet. The only way to find out is by doing this research study.

How can I help?

When you got injured, you lost a lot of

blood. Before you got to hospital you were given blood to make you better.

At that time, the doctors looking after you said you could take part in this study.

Now that you're better we want to know if you want to stay in the study.

What would I have to do?

If you decide you want to stay in the study, you and your parents will sign a form to say you agree.



Then the research doctors will take some information from the notes written by doctors and nurses when you were in hospital.

You don't have to have any tests to be a part of this study.

Will the study help me?

It might not help you right now. But it might help other people who get hurt like you did.

Do I have to stay in the study?

No. It's your choice. You can change your mind at any time.

And if there's a problem you can talk to your doctor or nurse at any time.

What will happen at the end of the study?

Once the doctors have finished their study, they will write up their results.

You and your parent or carer will get a copy and they'll be published for everyone to read.

No one will ever know you took part – unless you want to tell them.

Then other doctors can use the research to make sure people get the best treatment when they get hurt.

Does anyone check that the study is fair?



Yes. Before this research could go ahead, it was checked by a group of people called the Northern A

Health and Disability Ethics Committee. They make sure it is fair. Other doctors check the study to make sure the research is correct.

Thank you for reading this!